MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (d) There have been some press reports about clandestine trade in computers in the country. These have been brought to the notice of the Directorates of Revenue Intelligence and Anti Tax Evasion.

The Government of India have taken the following steps to discourage the possibility of any clandestine trade in computers :—

(i) Computer systems of CIF value above Rs. 1.5 lakhs and computer peripherals (except monitor and key board of CIF value upto Rs. 7500) are freely importable.

(ii) Excise duty on computer systems has been reduced from 17.25 per cent to 15 per cent during the budget 1993-94.

(iii) Customs duty on computers and peripherals has been reduced to 80 per cent plus 15 per cent CVD (107 per cent) from 146.225 per cent during the budget 1993-94.

(iv) Manufacture of computer systems has been delicenced.

Cantonment Land Administration Rules, 1937

*77. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the provisions of Cantonment Land Administration Rules, 1937 are in force;

(b) whether most of the Cantonments have been openly violating the rules as provided under Rule No. 6 and 7 etc. of CLA Rule, 1937;

(c) whether no credit of fund on account of STR is being granted to Central Government by the Kanpur and Lucknow Cantonment authorities;

(d) whether Government propose to constitute a high powered committee to investigate the causes of lapses, misuse of funds and fixing up the responsibilities on the defaulting officials of these two cantonments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Cantonment Boards are permitted to lease out only lands in civilian areas and such of those lands which stand vested in them. Such lease rents are to be credited to the Cantonment funds concerned. All other leases of Government lands in Cantonments are ordered only with the approval of Government of India. Such lease amounts are collected by the Defence Estates Officer concerned and credited to the Consolidated Fund of India.

(d) No case of lapse|misuse of funds has come to the notice of the Government to warrant constitution of a Committee to investigate the matter.

(e) Does not arise.

Revision of Indian Patents Act, 1970

@*78. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dunkel's text will necessitate a complete revision of the Indian Patents Act, 1970;

(b) if so, what are the details of the revisions proposed to the said Act;

(c) whether the revision of the Patents Act is likely to come up in the current Budget Session of Parliament; and

@Previously Starred Question 18, transferred from the 26th April, 1993.

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to revise the Indian Patents Act, 1970.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Relief Given to Bhopal Gas Victims

*79 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the relief given so far and that assured to the victims of Bhopal gas disaster of December, 1984;

(b) whether it is a fact that the victims have not been given proper relief and rehabilitation for the last several years; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) Details of relief and rehabilitation schemes executed from 3-12-84 to 31-3-90 for the victims of the Bhopal gas leak disaster are given below :—

1. Financial assistance of Rs. 1500 to families having monthly income of less than Rs. 500.
2. Free distribution of food grains milk etc.
3. Payment of ex-gratia for loss of cattle.
4. Payment of ex-gratia of Rs. 10,000.00 for loss of human life.
5. Interim Relief of Rs. 300.00 per family.
6. Construction of Hospitals.
7. Providing medical facilities to the gas victims.
8. Construction of infrastructure for Special Industrial Area.
9. Training for gas victims.
10. STEP-UP (Special Training & Employment Programme for Urban Poor).
11. Stitching work to ladies.
12. Construction of work shed.
13. Construction of Ghumties.
14. Pension to widows.
15. Distribution of Milk.
16. Construction of School buildings.
17. Housing.
18. Environmental Rehabilitation.
19. Rehabilitation of Orphans.

With effect from 1-4-90 an Action Plan, which includes a number of schemes for economic, social, environmental and medical rehabilitation, has been sanctioned by the Central Government and is being implemented by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The total approved outlay of the Action Plan is Rs. 163.10 crores.

Claims of those victims who have filed them for compensation are being adjudicated and if claims are found valid suitable compensation amount will be made available to them.

Recovery from Drug Companies

*80. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have so far been taken to recover around Rs. 256 crores